

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 10 are pending in this application, with Claims 2 and 10 being independent. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2 and 10 are amended herein. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 2 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form herein, thus placing them in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 5-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,794,533. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, and solely to advance prosecution, Claims 1 and 3-5 have been cancelled herein, thus rendering this rejection moot. Please note that Applicant will be filing a divisional application based on the rejected claims.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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